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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 910,000 head as of July 1, 2009. The latest inventory was down 7 percent from June 1, 2009, but up 11 percent from the 820,000 on feed on July 1, 2008. The inventory included 615,000 steers and steer calves, up 26 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 290,000 head, was down 12 percent from the previous year. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, and remained unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 190,000 head of fed cattle during June 2009. This was up 31 percent from May 2009 marketings of 145,000 head and 9 percent above a year ago. An estimated 125,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 47 percent above a year ago but 11 percent below May 2009 placements. Of the number placed in June, 12 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 28 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 44 percent weighed 800 pounds or greater. Other disappearance during June 2009, at 5,000 head, was down 5,000 head from last month and down from the 25,000 head last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.8 million head on July 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2008. The inventory included 5.99 million steers and steer calves, down 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.72 million head, down 3 percent from 2008. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.39 million, 8 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.33 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 290,000, 700-799 pounds were 371,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 415,000. This is the second lowest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 2008. This is the second lowest fed cattle for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during June, 5 percent below 2008.

CATTLE INVENTORY JULY 1, 2009

UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, 1 percent below the 103.3 million on July 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. Beef cows, at 32.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008. Other class estimates on July 1, 2009 and the changes from July 1, 2008, are as follows: all heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent; beef replacement heifers, 4.5 million, down 2 percent; milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, unchanged; other heifers, 7.7 million, down 1 percent; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, down 2 percent; bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged; calves under 500 pounds, 27.8 million, down 1 percent; and all cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.6 million, down 5 percent.

SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY & GOATS INVENTORY JULY 1, 2009

UNITED STATES

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2009 totaled 7.05 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2008. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.28 million head on July 1, 2009 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2008. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.77 million head, were down 3 percent from last July. The breeding herd consists of 3.47 million ewes one year old and older, 180,000 rams one year old and older, and 630,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.69 million head was comprised of 1.60 million lambs under 65 pounds, 560,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 290,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 240,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80,000 head.

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The 2009 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.70 million head, down slightly from the 2008 lamb crop of 3.71 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2009 totaled 3.25 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2009.

All goat inventory on July 1, 2009 totaled 3.71 million head, down 2 percent from the previous July number. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from July 2008. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, down 2 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2009 meat and all other goats totaled 3.16 million head, down 1 percent from July 2008. Milk goat inventory was up 4 percent increasing to 385,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 28 percent to 165,000 head. The 2009 kid crop in the United States is expected to total 1.96 million head, virtually unchanged from the 2008 kid crop. The 2009 expected kidding rate of 103 kids per 100 does is up 1 percent from the 2008 kid rate of 102.